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Swinging along in the Sun. The boats usually used in Japan are about forty feet long, and seven on the beam, with square sterns, and sharp, sloping noses. The flat bottoms are made of thin elastic boards, bending with every motion of the water, these being pliable, so that should they strike on a rock they would give and not break. When the river is at its ordinary height they are guided by one man in the bows, who uses a bamboo pole, and another in the stern with a Japanese oar.

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